

PRESIDENT : Then it should have been barred if it was irrelevant at the time when it was made.

Deputy President of the Legislative Council.

59 **MR. JOSEPH KUNJU** (*Changanachery cum Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the persons nominated as the Deputy Presidents of the Legislative Council have to take part in any religious functions in their official capacity?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery cum Peermade*): നിയമസഭയിൽ ഡെപ്യൂട്ടി പ്രസിഡൻറായി നിയമിതരാകുന്നവർ മതപരമായ യാതൊരു ചടങ്ങുകളിലും ഭാഗഭാക്കുകളാകേണ്ട എന്നുള്ള സ്ഥിതിക്കു അബ്രാഹ്മണരേയും ആ സ്ഥാനത്തു നിയമിക്കാവുന്നതാണെന്ന് തീരുമാനിക്കുന്നതിൽ യാതൊരു അബദ്ധവുമില്ലെന്നു പറയുന്നതിൽ മെമ്പർക്കു ഭയമുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no question of Brahmin or non-Brahmin in the selection of a Deputy President.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery cum Peermade*): ഇതുവരെ അബ്രാഹ്മണരെ ആ സ്ഥാനത്തേയ്ക്കു നിയമിക്കാതിരിക്കുന്നതിനു വല്ല പ്രത്യേക കാരണവുമുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government selected a person suitable for the post.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery cum Peermade*): മറ്റു ജന വിഭാഗങ്ങളിൽ, അവരോടൊപ്പമോ അല്ലെങ്കിൽ അവരെക്കാൾ കൂടുതലോ യോഗ്യന്മാരായ ആളുകൾ ഇല്ലാതിരുന്നുവെന്നാണോ ഗവണ്മെൻറ് വിചാരിക്കുന്നത്?

PRESIDENT : That is a matter of opinion.

Recruitment of Revenue Officers from the Bar.

60. **MR. K. P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any rule prohibiting the recruitment of Revenue Officers from among the practising members of the Bar ; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the negative, the number of such recruitments within the past ten years ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (a) There is no rule prohibiting the recruitment of Revenue Officers from among the practising members of the Bar, provided they possess the Departmental Examination qualifications besides the general qualification fixed by the Public Service Notification and provided they satisfy the conditions laid down in Article 43 of the *Travancore Service Regulations* regarding age-limit for entertainment in public service,

(b) There was only one such recruitment. Mr. K. Gopala Pillai, B. A., B. L., now Head Accountant, Kunnattur taluk, was appointed direct from the Bar in 1098.

Alleged trespass by Mr. M. M. Abraham into the Municipal Office, Kottayam.

61. **MR. O. M. THOMAS** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Mr. M. M. Abraham, one of the Revising Authorities of the Kottayam Municipal Council in 1106 M. E., was alleged to have trespassed into the Kottayam Municipal Office ;

(b) whether the President of the Kottayam Municipal Council wrote to Mr. Abraham demanding his explanation for the alleged trespass ;

(c) whether Mr. Abraham submitted any explanation ;

(d) if not, the further action taken by the President in the matter ; and

(e) the circumstances in which the alleged trespass was said to have been committed by Mr. Abraham ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (a) to (e) A report was received by the President on the 18th Medam 1106 that the Councillor entered the office room and asked for the claim and objection papers, that he found the same in a tray and took it to the Council Hall, that a clerk objected as it was a holiday and as no previous notice had been given, and that the matter was reported to the President, who sent the gist of the report to the Councillor. The latter met the President that day and informed him that there was no trespass and the matter was then dropped.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): In the long story of the answer may I know what is the answer to part (b) of my question ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): For all the parts i. e., from (a) to (e), we have supplied the answer which we could generally take from a report received from the Municipal President. No separate answer to that part alone can be given.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Will the member please read the answer given and say whether the President, Municipal Council, wrote or did not write to Mr. Abraham demanding his explanation ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The President says that he forwarded the report of the clerk to Mr. Abraham and Mr. Abraham explained the situation to him.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): In all fairness, I am not here concerned with what the President wrote to the Government on the question. I want a reply to part (b) whether the President wrote to Mr. Abraham demanding his explanation ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): All that I have got here is the report from the President which says that he got a report from the clerk about Mr. Abraham and that he forwarded the same to Mr. Abraham who explained the situation to him. There the matter ended.